

Sinclair Broadcasting's recent action forcing member stations to air an anti-Kerry film only days before the election is a striking example of the problems of the spreading media consolidation in the United States.

The Sinclair Company uses the airwaves free of charge---these airwaves being owned by the public---and Sinclair is obligated by federal law to serve the public interest.

Sinclair's actions clearly demonstrate why we urgently need to strengthen media ownership rules as soon as possible. Thank you.